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REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested of the Office position. Claims 1-8 13-18 and 20-21 remain under consideration.

In the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 11 and 12. The remaining claims under consideration have been amended in editorial fashion including removal of multiple dependences. No new matter is present with the present amendments to the claims.

Editorial correction has been made in the body of the patent application and in claim 1 to correct misspelling. However, "polybenzimidazol" has not been changed since the spelling is correct.

Specification and Claim Objections

Both the specification and claims have been amended in editorial fashion consistent with the Office position. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of all objections is requested.

Claim Rejections

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by WO 03/039280 (English translation).

In response it is respectfully pointed out the WO 03/039280 is directed to two or more fabrics which are distinct and superimposed by a thread selection. Illustratively, the next to last paragraph, page 3, of the translation sets forth:

Such technology consists to realize into only one operation, two fabrics (or more), distinct and superimposed, which is connected between them by a thread selection (warp or weft) which binds alternatively, according to a predetermined selection, with one or the other of the weaves of two superimposed fabrics.

In contrast the requirements of claims 11 and 12 newly introduced into claim 1 read:

wherein each separate single ply (2,3) is made of a material having a different dimensional thermal shrinkage; and

wherein the two separate single plies (2,3) are woven together in such a way that they cross each other at the predefined positions so that the same side (S1 or S2) of two adjacent pockets is alternately made of the two different separate single plies (2,3).

Accordingly, WO 03/039280 is not relevant to claim 1.

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Claim 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Graham et al. U.S. 5,685,347.

Initially it is noted that Graham et al. is directed to an inflatable air bag. Illustratively, column 1, lines 6-8 set forth:

This invention relates to an air bag and in particular, relates to an inflatable air bag for the protection of vehicle occupants in the event of collision.

Accordingly, Graham et al. does not anticipate (or render obvious) a fabric having the requirements of independent claim 1. The requirements stated opposite WO 03/039280 are repeated namely:

wherein each separate single ply (2,3) is made of a material having a different dimensional thermal shrinkage; and

wherein the two separate single plies (2,3) are woven together in such a way that they cross each other at the predefined positions so that the same side (S1 or S2) of two adjacent pockets is alternately made of the two different separate single plies (2,3).

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on WO 03/039280.

In reply and traversal, the above remarks for this publication directed to the inapplicability of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) likewise is pertinent to inapplicability of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). One of ordinary skill in the art would not modify the WO 03/039280 publication to arrive at the limitations of all claims under consideration. Accordingly, removal of the present rejection is proper.

SUMMARY

Applicants have complied with the Office position concerning removal of objections to the specification and claims.

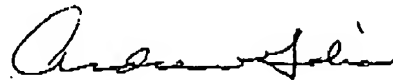
Furthermore the prior art rejections have been traversed based on amendment to claim 1.

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Accordingly, reconsideration of the Office position is requested. A notice of allowance is solicited.

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